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## SHARE Program

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## Proper Use of the 911 System



Every year, fire personnel respond to tens of thousands of calls for assistance.

> Most of these calls are responded to in less than 5 minutes.

### **Only Call 9-1-1 to Report:**

- A Fire
- A Serious Crime
- Any serious medical condition





 Any situation requiring immediate response of Police, Fire or Emergency **Medical Personnel** 



### What the 9-1-1 Operator Will Need to Know:

- Address of the Emergency
- Phone number you are calling from
- Nature of the Emergency

#### What You Need to Do:

- Stay Calm
- Speak Clearly
- Answer Questions
- Receive Instructions
- Stay on the phone until you are told to hang up

# **Emergency Vehicles** and You..



When an emergency vehicle has its lights and siren on, it is responding to an emergency. It is the law and YOUR responsibility to:

- Pull to the right side of the road and STOP until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- Give all emergency vehicles the right-of-way.
- Keep back at least 500 feet from an emergency vehicle when it is responding with lights and sirens.
- Drive carefully around an emergency scene.





#### At the Emergency

- Have someone wait to direct the fire and police departments to the emergency.
- If you are a witness, provide emergency personnel with information.
- If you are asked to move or leave the area, DO IT! The firefighters and police officers are looking out for your safety.
- Remember, things can become very hectic in an emergency. Firefighters and police officers need to do their job in a safe way.